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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

1. DELEGATIONS REPRESENTING THE US AND MEXICO MET IN WASHINGTON JUNE 24 THROUGH JUNE 28 AND WERE NOT ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON AN EXPANDED ROUTE EXCHANGE. US WAS PREPARED TO CONSIDER GRANTING THE MEXICANS PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING SOUGHT FOR THE MEXICAN SIDE (EXCEPT BEYOND RIGHTS FROM ATLANTA TO EUROPE) BUT MEXDEL SAID IT WAS UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO NEGOTIATE "ANY NEW BEYOND RIGHTS" WHICH IN EFFECT PRECLUDED US FROM NEGOTIATING FOR SAN FRANCISCO-MEXICO CITY AND BEYOND OR FOR DALLAS-MEXICO CITY AND BEYOND. US INDICATED WILLINGNESS GIVE UP SOME BEYOND RIGHTS FROM MERIDA AND GRANT MEXICO BEYOND RIGHTS TO EUROPE FROM CHICAGO BUT TO NO AVAIL. MEXDEL INSISTED IT COULD NOT IN ONE PACKAGE OPEN UP SERVICE FROM LOS ANGELES TO GUADALAJARA AND THE WEST COAST RESORT POINTS PLUS AGREE TO THE BEYONDS WE SEEK. EACH SIDE APPARENTLY BELIEVES IT HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY FURTHER MOVEMENT ON THE PART OF THE OTHER.

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2. WHEN MEETING ADJOURNED NO AGREEMENT REACHED ON EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT WHICH EXPIRES JUNE 30, 1974. USDEL SOUGHT THREE-YEAR EXTENSION; MEXDEL SAID IT WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO AGREE TO MORE THAN ONE YEAR. IN ORDER TO HAVE TIME TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE AND COMPLETE NECESSARY PAPER WORK WHEN AGREEMENT REACHED, US PROPOSED 15-DAY EXTENSION.

MEXDEL SAID IT WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO AGREE TO ANYTHING OTHER THAN ONE YEAR BUT THAT IT WOULD REQUEST MODIFICATIONS ITS AUTHORITY SO AS TO BE ABLE TO AGREE TO A 15-DAY EXTENSION. MEXDEL EXPECTS BE ABLE ADVISE US JUNE 29.

3. ACTING SECRETARY HAS SIGNED CIRCULAR 175 AUTHORIZING CHIEF OF MISSION TO ENGAGE IN ONE OR MORE EXCHANGES OF NOTES EXTENDING BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT THROUGH JUNE 30, 1977. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED PREPARE NOTE TO BE DATED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1974, PROPOSING EXTENSION THROUGH JULY 15, 1974, AND TO EXCHANGE WITH FONOFF AS SOON AS WORD RECEIVED THAT GOM IS AGREEABLE TO 15-DAY EXTENSION.

4. WITH REGARD TO LONGER EXTENSION, I.E., BETWEEN ONE AND THREE YEARS, MEXDEL SAID QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE SETTLED BY SUPERIORS. USDEL WAS RELUCTANT PROPOSE THE OBVIOUS TWO-YEAR COMPROMISE SINCE WE WERE NOT ABLE TO EVALUATE WHETHER TERMINATION IN JUNE 1976 JUST PRIOR TO MEXICAN ELECTION WOULD FACILITATE OR IMPEDE NEGOTIATIONS. WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING EMBASSY ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION. SISCO

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